

HORACE PORTER GOES TO FRANCE.

It Is Positively Stated That He Will Be Appointed Minister.

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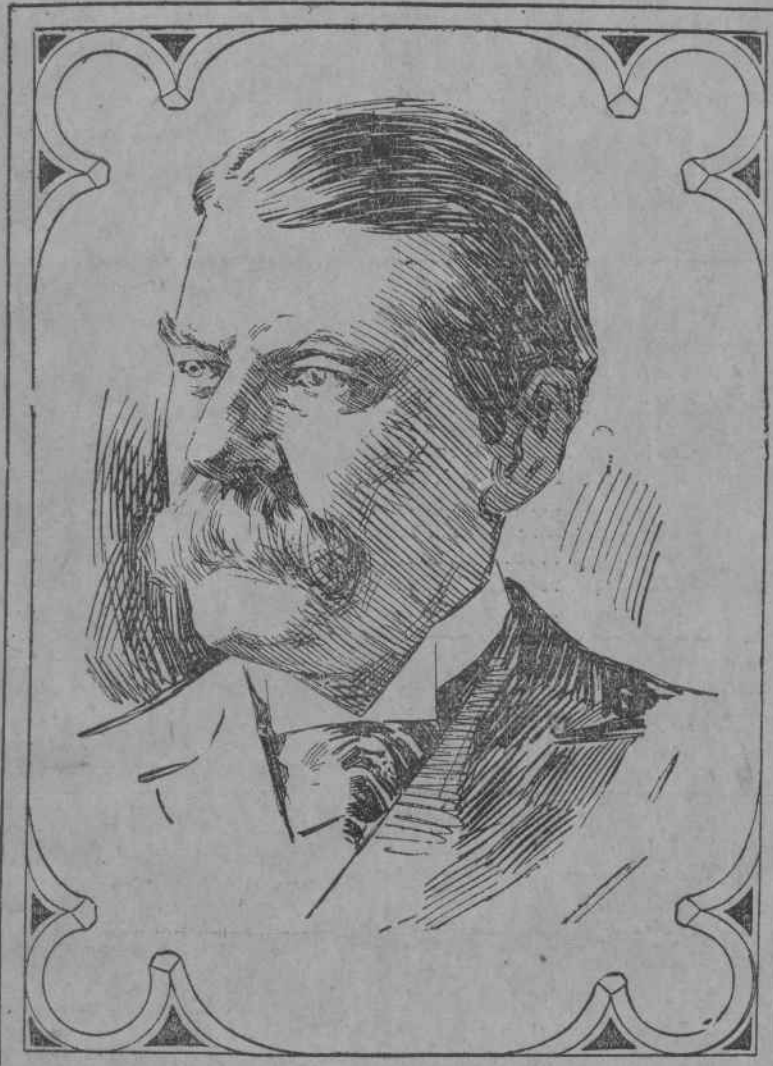
Chauncey Depew's Chances for the Court of St. James Are Not Affected.

BUT NO CABINET POSITION.

Precedent for These Appointments Cited in the Cases of Lawton and Jackson, Appointed by Cleveland.

Among the first nominations that President McKinley will send to the Senate will be that of General Horace Porter to be Ambassador to France.

The Journal has been informed by unquestionable authority that the President-elect has sent word to this effect to General Porter and that the fact is generally known.



General Horace Porter.

It is learned upon the highest authority that President-elect McKinley will appoint him to the French Mission. The appointment is satisfactory to the local machine.

Known among his intimate friends.

General Porter, when seen yesterday, said, in reply to questions:

"There is nothing to say in the matter."

He would not further discuss the subject.

William McKinley Osborne, secretary of the Republican National Committee, was closeted for two hours yesterday afternoon with General Porter. Nothing could be learned of the object of his visit beyond the information that the inauguration had been discussed.

The appointment of General Porter will seriously upset the calculations of the Platt machine, which has been backing Stewart L. Woodford for a Cabinet place.

Chauncey M. Depew for the English post and Whitelaw Reid for the French mission.

The same authority from whom the Journal obtained its information about Porter had this today of New York's chances in the patronage distribution.

"New York will not be represented in the Cabinet. When Porter was decided upon Woodford's chance dropped out of sight."

There is more than a possibility that Depew will get the English mission, as he belongs by virtue of wide popularity, rather to the whole country than to New York alone.

President Cleveland established a precedent for this when in 1885 he appointed A. R. Lawton and H. R. Jackson, both residents of Savannah, Ga., to the Russian and Mexican missions respectively.

With Porter and Depew on the slate the name of J. J. McCook is rubbed out. It is not believed that McKinley will appoint General Porter, without naming Depew or some other machine man for an equally important position.

Thomas C. Platt's lieutenant, Edward Lauterbach, chairman of the Republican County Committee, when informed last night at the Fifth Avenue Hotel of the coming appointment of General Porter as Ambassador to France, said:

"The organization is perfectly well satisfied. It did not oppose Mr. Porter's candidacy for the French mission, but it had had another choice for the Cabinet, General Porter is admirably fitted for the place."

National Committeeman Frederick S. Gibbs said that he had no adverse comment to make on the appointment.

Politicians are wondering, in view of the probable preference of Porter and Depew, what disposition Mr. McKinley will make of Whitelaw Reid, who wanted to be Ambassador to England.

BACK AS FROM THE GRAVE.

Sailor Returns Home with a Strange Tale After Being Given Up as Dead.

Lynn, Mass., Feb. 16.—James G. Brown, who had long been given up as dead, has returned to his home in this city after nine years' absence. He shipped from Boston in November, 1887, in the bark Clyde. The vessel went to pieces, but the crew were rescued and taken to Madagascar, where Brown shipped for Mauritius. There he was stricken with fever, and lay four months between life and death.

On recovering he shipped in a bark, which, being short-handed, stood in at the Solomon Islands for men, but got none, and left hastily, because the captain feared the natives, whom he had offended. Brown was accidentally left behind, and for four years lived with the savages.

He was rescued by the bark Florence Elliott and taken to Sydney, whence he worked his way to Melbourne and after many vicissitudes reached his home here on last Saturday.

LEADING WOMEN MEET TO-DAY.

Opening of the Mothers' Congress in Washington.

PROGRAMME OF SESSIONS.

First Work Will Be the Forming of a Permanent Organization.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Mothers' Congress which will convene to-morrow, promises to be of even greater importance and interest than its promoters had hoped or anticipated.

Many of the prominent people who are upon the programme have arrived in the city. Miss Amalie Hofer, of Chicago, was among the first. Miss Hofer is a kindergarten of the most advanced type, and stands well to the front of the kindergarten ranks in the country. She prints a kindergarten magazine, and with her sister, publishes papers and books on the subject. Her paper, "What the Kindergarten Means to Mothers," will be full of interest for those mothers who want to learn how to scientifically employ their small ones and keep them happy, though

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HANGMAN CLAIMS A MILLIONAIRE.

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PROTESTS TO THE LAST.

On the Scaffold He Says He Is General Brandenburg and Innocent of Crime.

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Story of the Double Tragedy in St. Louis.

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I go at peace with my Lord. I want you to say that I thank my attorney, ex-Governor Johnson, of St. Louis, for what he has done for me.

The condemned man hesitated, as if about to talk more, but Sheriff Puchta raised his hand, and the sentence to death. Even Duestrow's head and the cord drawn tightly. Duestrow shouted to one of the deputies: "Good-by, Simon, and the trap was sprung. The black form fell through the hole, and twisted about two or three times. His neck was not broken, but in eight minutes after 1 o'clock he was pronounced dead.

The body was turned over to an undertaker for burial. Duestrow, the murderer of his wife and child, and the remains will be interred alongside the murderer's father, in Bellefontaine Cemetery, at St. Louis. The undertaker stated that he had positive instructions not to embalm the body, and this is taken as evidence that a post-mortem examination will be made to determine the condition of Duestrow's brain.

Story of the Crime.

Arthur Duestrow shot and killed his wife and only child, a boy eighteen months old, at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of February 13, 1894. He was an inveterate cigarette smoker, and for several months prior to this date had been drinking heavily.

On the day of the tragedy he had made an engagement to take his wife sleigh riding. When he drove up to his door he was named with a violent and on being reproached by his wife, he fired two shots into her body. For a moment he seemed to realize the enormity of his crime. He knelt beside his victim and, in maddening tones, said: "Tina, Tina, are you dead?"

Receiving no reply his drunken frenzy returned, and he grasped his child, who had been a spectator of the murder. He first started to go downstairs with the boy, but returned to the hall, held the shrieking babe by one arm to the wall and fired a shot into his brain. With the smoking pistol in his hand he ran into the street and surrendered to a policeman. The child died at once, but Mrs. Duestrow lingered unconscious for four days. Duestrow was convicted on receipt of the victim's servant girl who had been the whole shooting.

From the day of the tragedy until the drop fell to-day a notable legal battle has been waged with Duestrow's attorneys, to save their client from the gallows. Ex-Governor Charles P. Johnson, the principal counsel for the defence, called to his aid

a corps of lawyers, medical experts and specialists on mental diseases, and set up a plea of insanity. There have been five continuances, one mistrial, one appeal, and one change of venue in the case.

Duestrow was convicted on February 2, 1896, and sentenced to death. His income was exhausted every year, and is now largely anticipated.

YALE GETS A BEQUEST.

Millionaire Lampson's Gift to His Alma Mater Includes a Complete Plant Near Leroy.

Leroy, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The magnificent bequest to Yale made by Bank President William Lampson, who died recently, and which may amount to \$2,000,000, includes the entire Ingham University near here. Under the terms of his will these buildings are to be at the disposal of the Yale authorities, by whom they may be used as an observatory or experiment station.

Lampson, who was graduated from Yale in 1862, began at that college the reclusive life which he continued up to his death. He became the wealthiest man in the Genesee Valley, and owned half of the business portion of this place.

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